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Amendment I

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

Please permit amendment of the claims to allow the following changes.

Claims Amendments:

By Office Action mailed February 27, 2004, the Examiner noted that claims 76, 77, and 78 had been previously cancelled and could not be reinstated. He advised that they should be added as new claims. The purpose of this amendment is to add them as new claims and to combine them with the amendments as to form of Amendment H, submitted on May 21, 2004 into a single submission.

Claims Amendments 1-98 Cancelled.

99. (previously presented, currently amended) An electronic signature method whereby, upon a remote command of a signer, a server uses an encryption key to digitally sign text, a binary object, or a combination of form input and a document template, and by means of at least one of a signer identifier, a date and time parameter, an IP network address, or combination of any of them, or a GUID, creates a unique electronic signature for or on behalf of the signer.